As we study historical events tying them together by themes and content, realize that each unit signifies another step in shaping the United States. From pursuing dreams to overcoming challenges to developing vision, we will be analyzing these crucial steps and developing critical thinking and writing skills along the way.

The critical steps:

Unit 1 – In **Pursuit** of…

1.  How has the level of government involvement in daily life changed during the time period?  
  
2.  How did differing global economic factors affect U.S. foreign policy?

3. How have the roles of women and minorities changed?

Unit 2 – **Emergence** into…

1.  How did societal change demonstrate and define the "American culture?"  
  
2.  How did the world's perception of the United States change as a result of America's growing status in foreign affairs?

Unit 3 – In **Defense** of…

1.  How did differing ideologies affect U.S. domestic and foreign policies?  
  
2.  How were societal changes demonstrated in the "American culture” ?

3. How have changes in Science and Technology affected how the US government conducts its domestic and foreign affairs?

Unit 4 – **Challenges** faced

1.  What factors associated with the Great Depression impacted the American economy and how did these changing factors affect society?  
  
2.  How did the level of government involvement in daily American life change?



Unit 5 – **Sacrifices** made

1. How has the level of government involvement in daily American life shaped the social and economic status of American people and businesses?
2. How have differing ideologies affected US domestic and foreign policies?
3. What factors impact the American economy and how have these changing factors affected American society?

Unit 6 – **Mission**

1. How differing ideologies affected US domestic and foreign policies?
2. How has the world's perception of the US changed as a result of American domestic and foreign policies?
3. How have the changes in science and technology affected how the US government conducts its domestic and foreign affairs?

Unit 7 – **Gains**

1. What factors impact the American economy and how have these changing factors shaped the "American culture"?
2. How have differing ideologies affected US domestic and foreign policies?

Unit 8 – **Vision**

1. How have the roles of under-represented minority groups changed in the post-WWII American society?
2. How have societal changes been demonstrated in the "American culture"?
3. How has the level of government involvement in daily American life changed as new pressures from minority groups arise?

Unit 9 – **Losses?**

1. How has American presence in foreign affairs shaped American public opinion and impacted the "American culture"?
2. How has the world's perception of the US changed as a result of American domestic and foreign policies?



Unit 10 – **Fatigued**

1. What factors impact the American economy and how have these changing factors shaped the “American Culture”?

2. How have differing ideologies affected US domestic and foreign policies?

Unit 11 – **Redirect**

1. How have the changes in science and technology affected how the US government conducts its domestic and foreign affairs?

2. How has the world’s perception of the US changed as a result of American domestic and foreign policies?

**Key repetitive focus:**

* Domestic Policy
* Foreign Policy
* Science and Technology
* Culture
* Minorities
* Economy
* Government

